

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is the survey being conducted?

Under the Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/9) the Illinois Department of Labor has the responsibility to “investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages for each county in the State.”

What do I do if I’m having difficulties with the computer survey?

Please contact the Survey Hotline at 312-793-1585 or email us at PWSurvey.Unions@illinois.gov.

We sent in a rate change notice earlier this year. Should we submit a new form?

Yes. This survey is for the annual update that is required by state law.

Our rates have not changed since June 2015. Do we need to submit a response?

Yes. However, we are only accepting digital responses to our online survey.

Our rates are due to change after June 2016. Should we report those changes?

No. We are asking for rates effective on June 1, 2016.

Do you need the complete collective bargaining agreement? Why?

We need the contract so that we can verify the rates, and also so that we can have the most complete descriptions of work classifications and related rules.

We recently signed an amendment that only covered rates. Do we need to send anything else?

We need the complete contract. You should send the original contract along with the extension.

Why are U.S. DOL BLS Soc Codes being used?

The prior SOC Code listings used by the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) were based on the 1980 SOC codes issued by the US Department of Labor (USDOL), Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), with some additions established by the IDOL and various Administrative Law Judges (ALJ) decisions.

The SOC codes that formed the basis of the work classification system were overhauled in 2000, and further revised by BLS in 2008. In light of this, the work classifications in this current survey use the most recent BLS SOC codes in order to assure that our classifications are a fair and up-to-date assessment of which trades are commonly recognized in the construction industry.

If you believe that a job category is not adequately reflected, you may select **<Other>** from the Trade Drop-Down Menu, and include a trade title and job description in the Notes box at the bottom of the page. See instruction sheets for examples of how latest BLS Soc Codes apply.